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Cross Country season opens at Riverside High School

Marissa Atha places 4th at Riverside

The CCHS and CCMS cross country teams opened their season at the Riverside Corn Field Crawl Invitational on Saturday. The high school teams stretched their legs first as the day got started and only got hotter. By the time the races started, the humidity was already weighing in on the event - literally. This cross-country meet was full of large teams from AAAA schools as well as AAA and AA. To win here, you couldn't bring your chicken legs to run with.

The boys were up first, and Isaiah Woods and Toby Yeager toed the mark for the Panthers. By the time the heat-drenched run was over Woods placed 48 and Yeager was 50th. Now one may look at this and say, "Wow, that's not a good run," but keep in mind these schools are some of the top cross-country schools in the state with more than 30 runners participating, so, yes, they had a good run.

The girls were up next, and this year looks like it will be the year of the cat for the Lady Panthers. Marissa Atha from middle school fame joined the team this year and has already made her mark on the trail beating some of the best female runners from some of the biggest schools. Atha placed 4th overall with a time of 21:51.70. Right behind her was running phenom Sophia Berberich who finished the race in 11th place with a time of 22:45.90. Abigail Grandon, the running musician, finished the race in 30th place followed by Tara Conley at 45th and Miranda Morris at 56th. Again, the times were good considering they beat most of the AA runners.

The teams have been running the hills and valleys and putting Clay on the map as far as extreme sports. Cross Country isn't just track and field but an extreme show of guts and determination, and in this heat from the pits of Arallu, it makes it even worse.



Sophia Berberich hits the back stretch. Allen Hamrick Photo.

The middle school runners were up next. Holden Reed, the only Mustang cross country runner, stepped up to the mark to represent the Mustangs. In a field of 116 runners, he stood alone and made some waves by crossing the finish line in 30th place with a time of 11:35.40. That wasn't bad at all. Three Lady Mustangs participated in the middle school girls' event. Among the 77 female runners, Danae Stricker of the running Stricker clan crossed the line, finishing 17th overall with a time of 13:12.00. Lillian Goebel finished the race in 44th with a time of 15:40.40, and Dolores Poland finished in 45th place with a time of 15:44.30.

This meet was a good start for the teams as they stretched their legs against some of the best teams in the state. This Saturday, they travel to Calhoun County for the Calhoun Invitational, a good event for the team with a lot of regional action. Coach Matt Stricker has high hopes that this season will be a great one for the teams. The Clay teams will only get better now that they have established themselves as a force in the extreme sports world. If



Marissa Atha runs for 4th place. Allen Hamrick Photo

you get the chance, come out and watch pure grit and strength of mind in action. We have some fantastic runners who, with just a little more practice, could have a foot race with the deer. CCHS and CCMS teams are on their way to becoming a powerhouse in the cross-country world.

Don't forget that the Buffalo Creek Invitational will be held September the 9th at Dundon. Clay will also host the Elk River Trail race on October 7th, and

there will be some fast times, I'm sure. Dundon would be a good place for you to come and support the teams as the season gets underway. Also, don't forget that Panther Football will begin regular season on the road at Midland Trail this Friday night, and Mustang Football has a scrimmage at home on Wednesday. Come out and see if the Panthers can retain their glory from last season and check out the Mustang team.

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2026 Golden Delicious Apple Belle

On August 6st, 2026, the Golden Delicious Festival committee met and voted on our new 2026 Golden Delicious Belle. There were 6 nominations this year, and it is with great pleasure to announce our 2026 Belle, Mrs. Carole Pierson, at age 79. Carole was nominated by her granddaughter, Summer Pierson Lamb.

Carole is from Clay, WV and has been a lifelong resident of Clay County. She is most deserving to serve as our Golden Delicious Belle.

Carole was born July 20, 1947, in Fairmont WV. Carole is the daughter of Susie Twyman Bosley & Robert Warren Bosley.

She was a graduate of Elyria High School, Elyria Ohio. Moved to Clay County in 1973 where she raised 3 children. Sissy, Jody & Jake. Today she is known well as Mamaw Carole! 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Carole started working at the Clay County Courthouse Assessors Office in 1991 and retired in 2005 with 14 years of service. In 2017 she returned to the Assessor's office and at age 79 still working part time to help out. Carole is a born again Christian & a mem-



Mrs. Carole Lee Pierson

ber of the Horner's Fork Missionary Baptist Church, in Prociuous, WV. She loves to read her bible and her favorite scripture verse is :

Romans 8:28. And we know that *all things work together for good* to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Carole is most deserving! Congratulations Mamaw Carole as our New 2026 Golden Delicious Apple Belle.

WVU Medicine United Hospital Center now offering highly advanced Mako SmartRobotics™ for total knee and total hip replacement

Innovative robotic technology allows surgeons to personalize total knee and total hip procedures for each patient

Bridgeport, W.Va. – WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) is the latest hospital in West Virginia to expand its robotic surgery capabilities by providing total knee and hip replacements using the fourth generation Mako robotic-assisted surgical system—Mako 4 SmartRobotics™. This technology transforms the way joint replacements are performed by surgeons leading to a more personalized surgical experience.

“With the Mako 4 SmartRobotics™, I can utilize a CT scan to create a personalized surgical plan based on each patient's unique anatomy before entering the operating room,” said Chris Courtney, DO, orthopaedic surgeon at UHC Orthopaedics. “During surgery, I can make any necessary adjustments while guiding the

robotic arm to execute the intended surgical plan with UHC's newest Mako 4. It's exciting to be able to offer this transformative technology across the joint replacement service line.”

The Mako 4 SmartRobotics' 3D CT-based planning, coupled with AccuStop™ haptic technology, can help surgeons create a customized surgical plan tailored to each patient's unique anatomy. During surgery, the robotic arm assists the surgeon in executing with precision, while providing the potential for better outcomes with less pain and faster recovery times compared to manual surgery.

UHC first started using Mako technology in 2022. Since then, continued advancements have helped surgical processes, resulting in shorter time under

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REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

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Timothy Perry Wagoner Jr.
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DUI, Unsafe and Improperly
Equipped Vehicle



Josue Eladio De Paula Chinnery
Booked 8/23/2026, DUI,
Open Container, Driving
Suspended, Fingerprint Re-
fusal, Obstructing an Officer



Mark Wayne Gwinn
Booked 8/21/2026, Probation
Violation



Timothy Paul Satterfield
Booked 8/21/2026, Fugitive
From Justice



Tyler William Fleming
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Denny Vestus Kincaid
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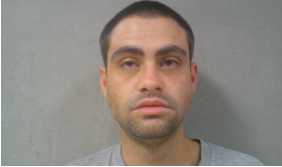
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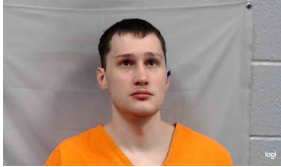
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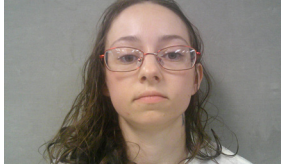
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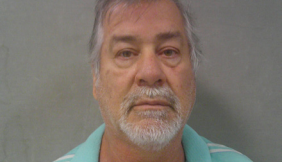


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Brittany Rose Boggs
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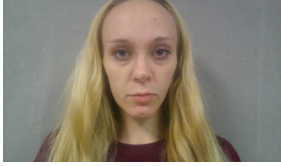
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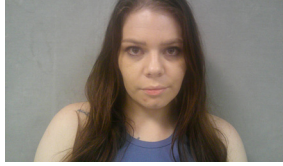
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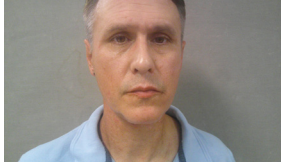
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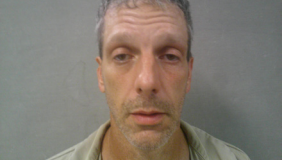
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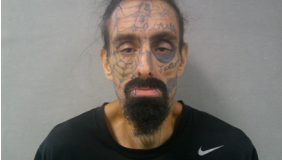
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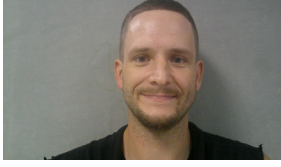
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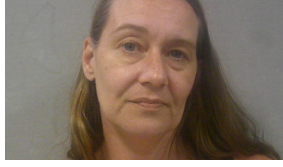
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Defective Equipment, No
Insurance, Open Container



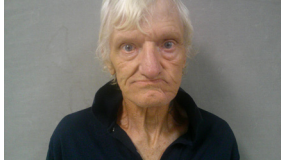
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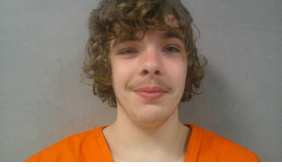


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Booked 8/20/2026, CAPIAS

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8/17/2026, Bond Revocation



Governor Morrisey Appoints Kayla Kessinger as Secretary of Tourism

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Governor Patrick Morrisey today announced the appointment of Kayla Kessinger as Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism, tapping the former state legislator and West Virginia native to build on the state’s record tourism growth.

“West Virginia tourism has tremendous momentum, and Kayla is the right person to help us build on that success,” said Governor Morrisey. “She knows West Virginia, understands our communities, and shares our commitment to telling the story of what makes this state so special. Kayla will bring strong leadership and a fresh perspective to an outstanding team that is already producing record results.”

Kessinger, a native of southern West Virginia, was first elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 2014 at the age of 21. She served four terms and rose to Assistant Majority Leader before leaving the Legislature in 2022. Since then, Kessinger has continued working on issues important to families and communities.

Kessinger takes the helm as West Virginia tourism continues to reach new heights. Last year, Tourism generated a record \$9.1 billion in economic impact and supported nearly 61,000 jobs. Through Tourism Works, more than 4,000 participants have earned

more than 25,000 microcredentials and more than 1,000 hours of college credit.

“Over the last several years, the Department of Tourism has changed the way people see our state and, in a lot of ways, put West Virginia on the map,” said Kessinger. “They’ve done it by showing people who we are and who we’ve always been. I cannot wait to build on that work, tell West Virginia’s story, and invite even more people to experience what makes our state so special.”

The Department of Tourism’s work extends beyond promoting West Virginia as a travel destination. The department supports the arts, preserves and promotes the state’s history and heritage, encourages volunteerism, and works with communities across West Virginia. Together, those efforts help protect and promote the culture and character that make West Virginia a place people want to experience.

“Tourism is about more than bringing people to West Virginia. It’s about telling the story of who we are,” said Governor Morrisey. “Our history, our culture, our communities, and our people are what make this state unlike anywhere else in the country. Kayla understands what makes West Virginia special, and I know she will work every day to share that story with the rest of the world.”

Puzzle Answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Attention Clay Panthers: The 60th Class Reunion for Class of 1966 will be held at the Clay Middle School on September 18th, from 4p.m. to 8:30pm, with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP Judy Dobbins, 623 Paxton Rd. Procious, WV 25164.



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A Legacy of Love

Joe Mazzella

I caught myself the other day. I had just sat down at my computer keyboard to write a letter to my Aunt Charlotte when I remembered that she was no longer with us. After a hundred years of spreading laughter and love down here on Earth, God had finally called her home to help Him run Heaven. I still felt her presence in my heart so much that sometimes I forgot she was gone. She had spent her life giving kindness and joy to her parents, brothers and sisters, husband, children, grandchildren, and even her nephew. In spite of living in another state she had become a second mother to me after her sister, my Mom had passed away at only 55 years old.

I can still remember a phone conversation I had with her many years ago. I was complaining about how broken down my home had gotten over the years and how I didn't have the skills or money to fix it properly. She spoke to me in her sweet, cheerful voice and said: "Honey if a place doesn't have some holes and dings in it, then it isn't really a home. It's just a house." I smiled when she said that and realized she was right. My home wasn't pretty and it certainly showed the signs of having been lived in. But it was a place of Love and that was all that mattered.

Of course, that was just one instance when my Aunt Charlotte made me laugh and see the truth at the same time. She had a talent for that. She would inspire us, build us up, fill our hearts and make us smile all at once. She was a true earth angel who made our lives better just by being in them.

My Aunt Charlotte left a legacy of love behind in all the hearts she touched here. We were all blessed that God gave her 100 years with us. I do wish at times that she was still here. But when I close my eyes, open my heart, and feel her love there I realize that she still is.

Home Country

Slim Randles

Joe Glidden died 105 years ago, and millions of cowboys in New Mexico would celebrate if they knew why, and if there were really millions of cowboys in New Mexico, which there aren't.

Now while you're parsing that sentence, let me explain that Joe Glidden was a farmer in Illinois and his wife, his daughter and his two sons all died before Joe was 38. In a fit of despondence, he invented barbed wire. In 1874, in another fit of despondence, the United States let him patent the darned stuff.

Depression is a terrible thing. Why else would a lonely farmer take a perfectly good coffee grinder and teach it to wrap sharp points around a piece of harmless, smooth wire, turning it into the bane of every rancher's and cowboy's existence? So it was that, since 1874, the West got fenced, and cowboys got torn up, and bluejeans had to be made stiffer, and cowboys had to find wives so their shirts could get mended, and some doctor had to invent tetanus shots.

So what happened to Joe Glidden after he came up with barbed wire? Well, he remarried, was elected sheriff of his county, became one of the richest men in the United States, and eventually owned a 250,000-acre ranch in Texas, a hotel, a bank and a newspaper.

Ain't no justice in this world.

The late Cleofes Ortiz, who was declared an official state treasure here in New Mexico, used to play old-time fiddle music for school children all over the state. This maestro of Starvation Peak always used to wait for the inevitable question to arise when one of the sharp-eyed kids would notice he was missing the end of one of his fingers. His eyes would twinkle and he'd tell the kids, "When I was a kid, we were too poor to buy violin strings, so I had to use barbed wire."

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The Perks of Being Old and Ugly

Dr. James Snyder

Growing up, I never thought much about what my life would be like when I got old.

I observed my grandparents, and I'm sorry to say that I made fun of them at times, but always behind their backs. I never thought I would ever be in their situation.

It wasn't until recently that I realized getting old and ugly has some significant perks. When I was young, I never thought of it this way, but I am starting to realize it now. It makes me smile to see the perks I'm discovering.

I never in a million years realized that getting old and ugly wasn't as bad as I thought it was-especially when I consider the perks, like discounts or help from strangers, which I find amusing. I'm not sure how they handled their perks, but I'm beginning to learn that there are benefits to getting old and especially ugly.

Nobody wants to admit they are ugly. They don't spend enough time looking in the mirror to come to that universal conclusion. I have a relative, who shall be nameless, who is obsessed with their looks, especially the wrinkles on their face. As I have seen it, as you get older, wrinkles appear. But this relative truly does not like wrinkles.

I'm not sure how much money they spent on Botox and all that other stuff to get rid of their wrinkles, especially on their face. For me, I have saved that money for more important things, like Apple Fritters.

This relative who's obsessed with wrinkles is very tempting to me. Every time I see them, I look at their face and say, "Is that a new wrinkle on your face? It looks marvelous." It won't be long before they run to the bathroom and check out what I was talking about.

Some of the perks of getting old are the help sometimes people will give you. The other day, for example, I was walking to a store; I had hurt my leg a couple of days before. Because of that, I was using a cane, and I looked like I was limping. I felt grateful for the kindness I received, which warmed my heart.

When I came to the door, before I could even open it, someone was there to open it for me and invite me inside. I never expected that perk, but I'm coming to enjoy it. I must confess, I sometimes exaggerate my limping to get the attention I need. However, the attention always comes my way.

Perhaps the biggest perk in my life is being ugly-something I've come to accept and even enjoy. I realize

that for some, aging might bring different perks. Still, for me, I like the way I look and the advantages it brings, like not being taken too seriously.

The perk of being ugly is something I just found out. When I was young, I was very careful around people, especially women. I made it a rule not to talk to women I did not know. I know it can look a little suspicious, and I don't want that to go on my record.

But being ugly means that nobody is going to take you seriously. I can walk up to a group of women, for example, and begin a conversation, and nobody thinks anything about it.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage can have the greatest confidence that wherever I'm at, and if I'm alone, no woman is going to hit on me. I just discovered that recently. I was so protective up to this point, but now that I'm old and ugly, I have nothing to fear.

It is a blessing to enjoy perks like this. I can be confident in some groups or on my own. I don't have to worry that someone would spread a rumor that somebody was hitting on me. People don't hit on ugly men.

It used to be that whenever I went on a trip by myself, I was very cautious. I made sure I had my wedding ring on and my cell phone with me so I could contact The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage several times a day to make sure I wasn't in any "situation."

Three weeks ago I was in a restaurant by myself, and when the waitress brought my bill to the table I said in a very joking way, "Do old and ugly men get discounts?"

We both laughed together, and when we were done laughing, she said, "As a matter of fact, we do give discounts like that. I can give you a 20% discount on your bill today."

At first, I thought she was joking, but when the bill came, I saw the 20% discount. Oh, what a joy it is to be old and ugly. It's surprising how many perks come with this stage of life, and I'm enjoying every one of them.

I want to get as old and ugly as I possibly can and live long enough to cash out on all the perks available.

The older and uglier I get, the more I understand the beauty of the life I'm living. That made me think of a wonderful Bible verse.

Proverbs 20:29, "The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head."

My grey hair reveals my beauty; I'm proud of it, and I don't care what other people think.



Dear Recycle Lady,

Inside one of the boxes containing a prescription were many sheets of directions on white paper folded into very tight folds and glued together in one place. Does this tightly folded paper need to be unfolded before recycling it?

Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering,

Yes, the paper should be unfolded to help reduce the volume of the paper and to make it easier to transport. It also eliminates any contaminants that might have been inside the folds. Flattening the paper helps with sorting and improves the processing in the recycling facility. Thanks for taking the time to unfold the directions and remove any glue that might have been used to hold the paper tightly folded. The Recycling staff appreciates you!

Dear Recycle Lady,

I found some old, rusty pieces of scrap metal in the barn this morning and I don't know what to do with them. Can they be recycled? Do I need to clean them up?

Cleaning up the Barn

Dear Cleaning up the Barn,

Old rusty pieces of scrap metal of any size and any condition are recyclable at the Recycling Center. Rust occurs when iron reacts with oxygen from water or moisture and produces iron oxide. It is only on steel cans or steel objects. Aluminum cans don't contain iron and

will never rust, regardless of how long they are left in water and Stainless steel is extremely resistant to rust. Since steel is the primary metal in engineering, rusty metal is likely to be found on many different objects around the house or barn. Nails, screws, auto parts, and furniture are only a few of the places where rust can be found. The Recycling Center accepts both auto and furniture parts but not nails and screws. Those can be taken to Boggs Scrap Metal Yard in Caldwell. While rust can be removed from metal using household products like lemon juice, baking soda, vinegar, and steel wool, or you can purchase chemicals to remove rust, it is not necessary. To prevent rust, metals can be coated ahead of time with several effective coatings. Epoxy Coatings provide a strong barrier against moisture as does a coating of oil, or commercially available rust converters. A coating of zinc protects metal from corrosion in a process called galvanization. There is also a dry powder that will create a hard finish resistant to rust after being cured under heat.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is the difference between a clear plastic jug and a white plastic jug?

What's the Difference?

Dear What's the Difference,

The primary difference between clear plastics jugs and white plastic jugs is their light-blocking properties. Clear plastic jugs are translucent or transparent and their content is highly visible; while white jugs are opaque plastic containers that don't allow any light to pass through. Made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) #2 plastic, some customers prefer white plastic jugs for milk because of their light-blocking property. Blocking UV light helps maintain the milk's freshness and prevents spoilage. Clear plastic jugs are made with Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) or #1 plastics and often preferred for their visibility. Both #1 plastics and #2 plastics are recyclable.

Good News: A Cougar raising kittens was seen for the first time in 100 years in Minnesota. Cougars were believed to be extinct, but this sighting suggests that Cougars are breeding there again.

Bad News: A wildfire in Australia destroyed 70% of the Pink Cockatoos core habitat. Since most of the cypress pines were lost artificial hollows are being built for their use.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to: recycleladywv@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.



Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of

Freedom.

Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain, known professionally as “Diamond Teeth Mary,” was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre and the Cotton Club.



Aug. 28, 1900: Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as “the Dean” to generations

of students, he was professor of German, 1928–66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.



Aug. 29, 1880: Ceramist Frederick Hurten Rhead was born in England. He designed the famous Fiestaware line of tableware while working for Homer Laughlin China in Newell, Hancock. It was introduced in 1936.

Aug. 29, 1952: A

groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.

Aug. 30, 1862: Confederate raiders under the command of General Albert G. Jenkins attacked and occupied Buckhannon, where they captured 20 prisoners and 5,000 stands of small arms.



Aug. 31, 1945: The USS *West Virginia* led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender

of Japan on September 2, 1945.

Sept. 1, 1671: Thomas Batte, Robert Hallom and Thomas Wood set out from Petersburg, Virginia, to explore west of the Appalachian Mountains. Batte and Hallom are credited with being the first explorers to document the New River. Their expedition later bolstered England’s claims to the Ohio Valley.

Sept. 1, 1777: Fort Henry, located at what is now Wheeling, was attacked by Indians for the first time during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half the militia were lured outside the post and killed. The fort would be attacked again in 1782.

Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born

to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is longer. 5. Arm is reversed. 6. Lapel is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

SHORT MONTHS

ACROSS

1 Gentle
5 Not active
9 Hockey great Gordie
13 Certain utility meter reader
19 “Pronto!”
20 Back end
21 Notion
22 Hun leader
23 “Klute” actress
25 Line of air fresheners requiring an outlet
27 Element #10
28 See 38-Down
29 Texting format, for short
30 Land in eau
32 Strong-arms
36 Lobbying org.
37 Singer Ross
39 “Let’s Get It On” singer
41 Certain fruit stone
43 “— fair in love and war”
44 Stood to lose
46 Idyllic places
47 City official on “Family Guy”
50 Part of UCLA
52 Make tidy
56 Noted Deco master

57 Notion
60 Go in haste
61 Fogged up, as a sauna
65 School for associate’s degrees
68 Caribbean resort
69 “Let it stand”
71 Goes after in court
72 Intended (to)
73 Bartending tool with holes
76 1841-45 first family
77 Primo pitcher
78 Cape Cod resort village
79 Dried up
81 Heptathlete Jackie Joyner-
84 Railroad depot: Abbr.
85 Portend a good outcome
90 Dog’s reward
93 Scored a major victory
95 Mine, in France
96 Brownish-toned picture
100 Stuff squirted by a cephalopod

103 Slow to react
104 NFL notable Manning
105 Some private planes
106 “Is that so!”
107 Univ. senior’s test
108 Weapons depot
110 Tiger’s sound, to tots
112 Halifax native
115 Poolside seat
120 Large moon of Uranus
121 “I’m buying”
122 Region
123 Rebuke from Caesar
124 Lie comply close
125 Belgian river
126 Frat guys
127 Span represented by the first three letters of 12 answers in this puzzle

DOWN

1 — Mahal
2 “Hugo” title role player Butterfield
3 Polite
4 Sword variety
5 Patch variety
6 Animal lair
7 Young fellow

8 Time of note
9 Old LP players
10 Polish river
11 Program running in a browser
12 Topic of an otologist’s instructions
13 Intent stare
14 Munched on
15 Fuel additive brand
16 Country singer Ronnie
17 School reunion-goers
18 Pesters
24 Central points
26 “Champion” of Spain
28 Overly docile
30 Muslim prayer leader
31 See 70-Down
33 Heron variety
34 Elevate
35 Sac in anatomy
37 “Finished!”
38 With 28-Across, church meeting cry
40 Abbr. on a brandy bottle
41 Dreamy guys

42 Italian for “hundred”
45 SpaceX head Musk
48 Chart anew
49 Ironic, as wit
51 Rub to clean
53 Main topic
54 “The — Sanction” (1975 film)
55 Must have
57 Halve with an ax, say
58 Prior to, to a bard
59 Mac rivals
61 “Wheel of Fortune” host Pat
62 Halting of hostilities
63 Leonhard of pure mathematics
64 Prez Lincoln
65 Denim pants
66 Cake tier
67 “— Abner”
69 Hog’s pen
70 With 31-Down, lilting song syllables
74 Ovine animal
75 El — (ocean current)
76 —TV (“Tacoma FD” channel)

79 Armani offerings
80 Incite
82 Incite
83 Part of QED
85 Basic lessons
86 Once lived
87 Move to a new country
88 Individual
89 Similar to
91 “Billy, Don’t Be —”
92 “Anna Karenina” novelist
94 Yule tune
96 Join the team
97 Get dressed
98 Irritates
99 Promotional connections
101 Ski jackets
102 Quadrennial games org.
105 Seat weaver
108 Clearasil target
109 Moniker
111 Curds and —
113 Craft
114 Pine- —
115 Small dollop
116 Make a gaffe
117 Co. top dog
118 Give — shot
119 Classic Karel Capek play

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike
should vote alike.

"DUNDON"
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Where all think alike, no one
thinks very much.

March 1959

SIXTY-FOUR MAKE GRADE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL,

First Grade: Mrs. Butcher

"A"

Beverly Dodrill
Shelia DeMoss
Frederick Rapp

"B"

James Bailey
Timothy Butcher
Keith Butcher
Jerry Connor
Shelia Hamrick
Richard Paintiff
Jane Rogers
Chris Sears
Sarah Sigman
Jacquelyn Wood

Second Grade: Mrs. Elliott

"A"

Sandra Frame

"B"

Frances Samples
Anna May Haygood
Mary Ann Harris
Sally Butcher
Emma Forte
David Marple
Roger King

Third Grade: Miss Ashley

"A"

Julia Acree
Yvonne Hamilton

"B"

Michael Triplett
Patsy Adkins
Carol Wood
Joe Lane
Curtis Davis
Anita Wood

Third Grade: Miss Graham

"A"

None

"B"

Donald Connot
Danny Keen
James Dorsey
Gerald Wyatt
Donna Gill
Dawne Arbogast
Marilyn Rapp
Bonita King
Janet Tinney

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Bragg

"A"

Bethel Frame
Herlman Gibson
Judith Gibson
Naomi Hamrick
Beverly Hathaway
Connie Henderson
John Houghton
Steven Taylor

"B"

Benny Connor
Sonja Eagle
Lois Gill
Linda Hamrick
Teresa Potasnik
Howard Wyatt

Fifth Grade:

Mr. Jackson

"A"

J. B. Butcher
Ella Ruth Frame
Linda Baughman
Sharon Jo Manning

"B"

Lynn K. Mullins
Roscoe Wilson
Patty Conner
Jerry James

Sixth Grade:

Mr. Hathaway

"A"

None

"B"

Ruthie Donahue
Shirley Connor
Ronald Dodrill
Garry Marple

TWENTY - NINE MAKE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade:

Mr. Stover

"A"

None

"B"

None

Eighth Grade:

Mrs. Hathaway

"A"

Sandra Henderson 3.98
Patricia Manning 3.50

"B"

Marion Gibson 3.36
Joseph Potasnik 3.12
Roger Baughman 3.06
Johnney Matheny 3.00

Ninth Grade:

Mr. Krise

"A"

None

"B"

Ronald Holmes 3.31

Tenth Grade:

Mr. Matheny

"A"

Charles Barrett 3.69
Virginia Nettles 3.60

"B"

Terry Shaffer 3.45
Robert Baughman 3.40
Eugene George, Jr. 3.25
Juanita Forte 3.25
Pearl Adkins 3.20
Karen Mick 3.15
Diane Carter 3.05
Nancy Workman 3.00
Erie Belle Gibson 3.00

Eleventh Grade:

Mr. Leeson

"A"

Karen Donahue 3.87
Lillie Nash 3.80
Lora Wilson 3.65
Dawne Backus 3.55
Nancy Brown 3.40
Glen Salisbury 3.00

Twelfth Grade:

"A"

Ruby Lee Rapp 4.00
Judy LaCorte 3.65
Dave Hamrick 3.50

"B"

Rosa Gibson 3.00

In The Mail Box ..

Dear Joe,

Where were you last Saturday night? I waited and waited and you didn't show. Man, was K— furious when I finally got a car and arrived at her home. I'm still in the dog house and our long standing friendship may be in jeopardy. Seriously though, I hope this doesn't happen the night of the prom. Are you and J— still planning to be our guests?

Mmmm-m-m-m-m smell those narcissus, hyacinth, and iris' don't they smell sweet. Say, have you heard about the Easter dance that we had? Boy, did every one look nice in those pastel colors. With all those colors shining so bright it looked like a ball at an aristocrats mansion, and the expense was like one too.

In journalism class we are sitting here thinking of all the ideas we have put in the school paper this year. Perhaps, that is why this letter sounds as it does. You should know what it is like to have this experience, since you were working on the West-Side Review last year in your journalism class.

We have just one more period to make our grade for this second semester. Some students will be surprised when some of their favorite teachers give them the grade they earned instead of the grade they thought the teacher owed them for running an errand to the "Y" or some other short distance.

Well I, guess you heard of the assembly the Junior Class put on for the entertainment of the student body at Widen High. Some of the students told the cast that it was a real nice assembly, but there were many things that could have been improved.

SEE YOU SOON,
PROFESSOR GOON

Dear Sally,

The sadest but most exciting time of year for a senior is fast approaching. Our time for corresponding is coming to a close. It really scares me to think I have to make my own living now. Everyone has big plans; I do too. Wonder if any of them will come to pass? I guess you have to work at it.

The juniors really displayed their talents last week in the assembly. The seniors wish to thank them for the lovely going away gifts. One thing went wrong though, Mrs. Griffith's isn't working right

Easter is drawing near, girls, and I can't wait to see all the new dresses the girls will be wearing. My dress is a blue sheath with a blue flowered coat that goes over the dress. My shoes are blue pumps with flowers in them to match the coat. I hope everyone remembers to attend church.

I'll tell you a little secret. The seniors are planning a "Sneak Day" real soon. I can hardly wait. I can't tell you when or where we are going, but you'll find out soon enough.

I read in the paper the other day about a man from Charleston seeing a flying saucer. You know, there must be something to what all these people see. Of course, there is a scientific explanation for it, but it does make you wonder. It could happen, you know.

Since this might be our last letter to each other, I want to tell you I enjoyed corresponding with you. I hope this isn't the last letter. Bye, I'll see you around. Love, Coed

BEST WRITERS FOR MARCH ...

First Grade:

Scotty Gill

Second Grade:

Mary Harris

Third Grade:

(Miss Ashley)

Yvonne Hamilton
Julia Acree
Curtis Davis
Anna Sizemore

Third Grade:

Miss Graham)

Mike Frame
Bari Bailey

Fourth Grade:

Benny Connor
Elizabeth Gibson
Lois Gill
Teddy Rapp

Fifth Grade:

Ruth Frame
Lynn Mullins
Brenda Adkins

Sixth Grade:

Neal Morris
Sandra Tinney
Joyce Triplett

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. George Mullins wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Helen to William Wally Oakley son of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Oakley of Skokie, Illinois.

A summer wedding is planned. The couple will make their home in Illinois.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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The Big Otter Elementary School Open House Luau



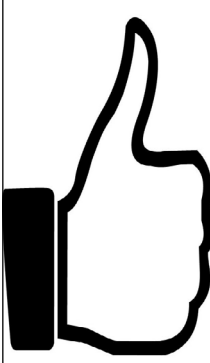
By: Megan Boggs

The Big Otter Elementary School Open House Luau was an overwhelming success! It was our vibrant way to welcome everyone into a new school year together.

Our staff brought the island energy, but it was our incredible students and

families who truly made the evening shine with their smiles and enthusiasm! We were happy to greet familiar faces as well as all the new faces with leis as they entered the building. Students also received a bag full of school supplies as they met our staff.

Thank you to everyone for coming!



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LEGAL

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-90-96 Public Notice Date: August 27, 2026
Paper: Clay Co Free Press

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:
Appl. No.: WV0105929
Applicant: CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PO BOX 120
CLAY, WV 25043
BIG OTTER, CLAY COUNTY

Location: Latitude: Longitude: Receiving Stream: Activity:

Big Otter Creek

To operate and maintain an existing wastewater collection system and an existing 0.00272 million gallons per day wastewater treatment plant. Facilities are to serve approximately 340 students and staff at the Big Otter Elementary School and discharge treated wastewater through Outlet No. 001 to Big Otter Creek, approximately 6.2 miles from its mouth, of the Elk River of the Kanawha River. A full Tier 2 antidegradation review has been conducted.

Protection is provided for the uses designated in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6. Also, to incorporate the requirements relative to Title 33, Series 2 of the West Virginia Legislative Rules for the processing and disposal of sewage sludge generated by the wastewater treatment plant. Sewage sludge generated and/or processed at the permittee's facility shall be disposed of by a registered septage hauler.

Business conducted: Public School
Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)), " and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Pevereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
lori.k.devereux@wv.gov

The public comment period begins August 27, 2026 and ends September 26, 2026.
Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application.

Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Thomas Serenity Layne Magistrate Court Case No.:
North Benton, Ohio 44449 Family Court Civil Action No.:
Respondent 26-DV-27
DOB: 6/16/1978

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
(PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)**

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
2. The object of this publication by Class II legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

To the Above-Named Respondent:
It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the CLAY County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 9/10/26.
A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 10th day of September 2026, at 10:30 a.m. before the Clay County Family Court.
Issued 8/20/2026 at 3:06 p.m.

Christina Hinchshaw
Clerk of the Court



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Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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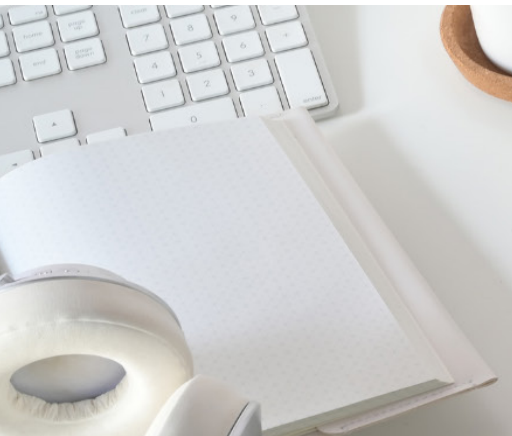
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004	2016000427	S308-44-1.25 00	STBG-0044(046) JD	STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT O'Brion Creek Bridge Midpoint COUNTY: CLAY

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Wings Etc. Franchisees Set to Open Restaurant in Elkview, W. Va., on September 1

The new location at 109 Crossings Mall Road is expected to bring 40 to 50 jobs to the region.

Elkview, WV — Wings Etc. Grill & Pub franchisees Scott Creel and Chris Herrington are set to launch a new Wings Etc. Grill & Pub restaurant in Elkview, W. Va, on September 1, 2026.

The restaurant at 109 Crossings Mall Road will bring award-winning wings, ample space for group gatherings and approximately 40 to 50 jobs to the area. This is the third Wings Etc. location in the state for the brand, which has more than 80 stores in the Midwest and South.

Creel and Herrington are hosting a grand opening at 11 a.m. September 1. As a part of the celebration, the owners are offering a year of free wings for the first 50 dine-in guests (must be 18 or older). Doors open at 11 a.m.

With 34 big-screen TVs, a large banquet room, outside seating on a screened-in covered porch, family dining and a full-service bar with weekly specials, the 6,600-square-foot restaurant is a destination for game

days, watch parties, community gatherings and great times with family and friends.

Wings Etc.’s Big Flavor menu is available for dine-in, carryout and third-party delivery, including award-winning wings, double burgers, fresh-made salads, rolled-to-order wraps, appetizers, ultimate nachos, seafood, kids meals and more. Guests can customize their meals with more than 20 sauces, rubs and dips.

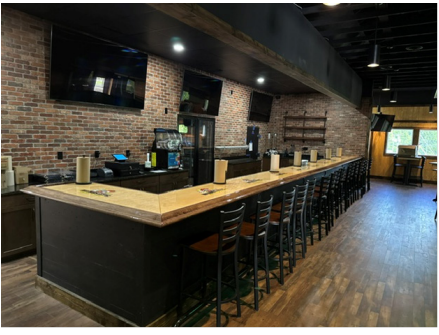
The beverage program includes signature cocktails as well as 18 beers on tap. The restaurant will offer daily food and drink specials, as well as lunch specials Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Creel and Herrington, West Virginia natives, say this is just the first of other Wings Etc. franchises they plan to open in the region.

“We’re very happy to be part of the Elkview community and hope to be a welcomed addition for everyone in the surrounding area,” Creel said. “We look for-



Exterior of new Wings Etc. courtesy of franchisee Scott Creel.



Bar rail at new Wings Etc. courtesy of franchisee Scott Creel.

ward to offering good food, exceptional service and a great place to come and enjoy time with family and friends.”

This is the third location in West Virginia for Wings Etc., including restaurants in St Marys and Vienna.

“We’re eager to welcome Chris and Scott to Wings Etc.,” said CEO Rob Hensmann. “We know that guests are looking for family friendly places to gather as well as value

that feels worth it. Wings Etc. provides Big Flavor, a commitment to the Perfect Wing and a dedication to community involvement that we believe the Elkview region will embrace.”

Regular hours for the new Elkview, W. Va., Wings Etc. will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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Abigail Grandon runs the last leg of the race. Allen Hamrick Photo.



Tara Conley digs deep on the back stretch. Allen Hamrick Photo



Miranda Morris sweats out the last section. Allen Hamrick Photo.



Danae Stricker digs her heels in on the last 1/3 mile. Allen Hamrick Photo



Holden Reed turns on the after burners. Allen Hamrick Photo



L-R Lillian Goebel and Dolores Poland finish it up for the Lady Mustangs. Allen Hamrick Photo

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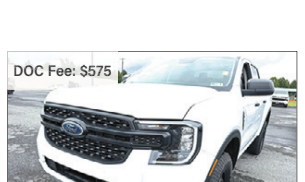
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